United States Senate WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 28, 2018

Donald J. Trump President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to act swiftly on the request by Ohio Governor John Kasich for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 19 counties in Ohio.

Severe storms and extreme rainfall last month in southern Ohio led to significant flooding, causing substantial damage to critical infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, and buildings. The State and local governments in the affected areas do not have the capability to sufficiently respond to this major disaster, and therefore, federal assistance is necessary to supplement the State's recovery efforts.

We fully support Governor Kasich's request and urge your prompt consideration. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Thank you,

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

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U.S. Senator Rob Portman